



PRESIDENT MARSHALL'S REPORT TO FACULTY AND STAFF

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN SCC FAMILY

Somerset Community College announced the hiring of new faculty members for the 2003-2004 school year. In some cases the new faculty were required for new programs, while in other cases they replaced faculty members who retired or took other jobs.

The new faculty members are: Guy Taylor, instructor of Adult Agricultural Education; Robert Hekel, music instructor; Doyle Decker, Radiography instructor; Brenda Hoppes, biology instructor, Warren Lambert, psychology instructor; Donna Eastham, practical nursing instructor; Eddie Brown, HVAC instructor; Lois Cole, clinical practical nursing instructor and nurse's aide instructor; and Jess Hoskins, respiratory care instructor.

Donna Eastham – instructor in practical nursing. Eastham has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Child and Family Studies. Her masters degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education is from West-

ern Kentucky University. Eastham taught in the private sector for fifteen years. She and her husband, Craig, have two daughters: Clara, four months, and Lillie, 5. Craig is a social studies teacher for the

Somerset School System.

Brenda Sue Hoppes – biology instructor. Hoppes will be teaching anatomy and physiology in the natural sciences division. Her BS and MS degrees are in Zoology from
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Dr. Tony Honeycutt accepts post as Somerset Community College provost

Jo Marshall, Ph.D., president of Somerset Community College announced Monday, Sept. 15, that Dr. Tony L. Honeycutt had been hired to fill the newly established post of Provost at SCC.

"I first met Dr. Honeycutt when he was recommended as a consultant to help us prepare for our SACS visit," Marshall said. "He visited our College then and I'm glad to say that he liked what he saw and was interested in joining us when the position of provost was announced."

Honeycutt comes to SCC from Mississippi where



Dr. Tony Honeycutt

he was dean of workforce development at Mississippi Delta Community College in
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Brenda Hoppes



Donna Eastham

Miami University. Her ABD is in Botany also from Miami University. Previously, she taught at the University of Cincinnati Medical School. She and her husband, Russell, have two children: Austin, 19, and Audrey, 18. Both are students at SCC.

Doyle Decker – radiography instructor. Decker was born and raised in Pulaski County. He graduated from Nancy High School. He returned to Somerset three years ago.



Doyle Decker

Decker holds an Associate of Health Science Degree from the University of Louisville in Radiologic Technology. He has a BA degree from Bellarmine University in Liberal Arts and Philosophy and he is near completion of his MA degree in Humanities from California State University-Dominguez Hills. Decker is registered in General Radiography and holds an advanced registration in Computer Tomography (CT Scanning). Previously, he worked at Jewish Hospital, Lake Cumberland Regional



Jess Hoskins



Walter Lambert

Hospital and Russell County Hospital.

Jess Hoskins – respiratory therapy instructor at the SCC program in Rockcastle County. Hoskins is a native of Crab Orchard in Lincoln County. He recently returned to Kentucky after working for Northwest Airlines for five years. Hoskins previously worked in the SCC respiratory care program from 1987 to 1998 during which time it was named Kentucky's Outstanding Technical Program in 1993. The program was also the national

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Bob Hekel

Honeycutt

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Moorhead, Mississippi until 2000. For the past two years he has been a private consultant for educational, training and economic development organizations.

"I had the privilege of visiting SCC during the merger process with Laurel Technical College and Somerset Technical College," Honeycutt said. "I was impressed with the commitment of the administration, faculty and staff to ensure a smooth transition and successful merger into a comprehensive community college."

The provost at Somerset Community College will be the chief academic officer.

Honeycutt said that he believes that community colleges are uniquely American institutions serving a diverse population. He said that a community college should enhance the educational and economic vitality of the area they serve and help to improve the standard of living for everyone by providing high quality educational programs and services.

Honeycutt, a product of a community college education himself, said, "I will promote effective, efficient and innovative methods of instructional delivery at SCC. As provost I will strive to ensure that SCC remains on the cutting edge of program development and is positioned to serve as a conduit for learning activities for the

people of our service area."

The new provost earned an Educational Specialist degree in administration and supervision in 1992 and an Educational Doctorate in 1994 from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. He brings more than seventeen years of community college administrative experience to SCC.

"The presence of a well-educated, highly-skilled and technically-proficient population is the key element for the economic growth and development of any community," Honeycutt

said. "I believe the presence of SCC in our communities should be a major consideration in a business' decision to locate, expand or remain in our community."

Honeycutt and his wife, Annette, said that they were looking forward to moving to Somerset and becoming a part of the community. The Honeycutts have two grown children. A son lives in Memphis, Tennessee, while a daughter resides in Birmingham, Alabama.

SCC expects record Fall enrollment

Somerset (KY)- Somerset Community College is expecting 2003 Fall Semester enrollment to top 5,400 students. Although enrollment figures will not be final until November, based upon current enrollment compared to enrollment at this point in 2002, the College estimates that final enrollment will be more than 5,400 students, the most ever.

Tracy Casada, the SCC dean of student affairs, attributed the increase to four factors: dual enrollment, business and industry training, a new full-time recruiter at the SCC Laurel Campus and the opening of a new center in Russell County.

Dual enrollment allows high school students to take college level classes in high school. SCC has a division devoted to training new and currently employed workers for industries within the College's district. Trent Pool was hired recently to coordinate the

College's recruitment efforts in the eastern part of the district around Laurel County. Earlier this year, the Russell County Board of Education offered Somerset Community College the use of the former Russell Springs Elementary School after a new elementary school was completed. That center is now open and classes are being conducted on the site.

"I am so pleased with the growth Somerset Community College has experienced," said Jo Marshall, Ph.D., SCC president. "We surpassed 5,000 students for the first time last year and now we are approaching 5,500 students. Somerset Community College is now the third largest community college in Kentucky."

Meanwhile, Fall enrollment in KCTCS is setting another record, topping 71,000 students.

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Guy Taylor

runner-up in the U.S. Department of Education's Outstanding Technical Program competition in 1993. He holds a BA degree from EKU in speech and theater arts and an AAS degree in Respiratory Care Technology from UK. He was a Registered Respiratory Therapist at the VA Medical Center in Lexington.

Warren Lambert – psychology instructor. Lambert holds a BA degree from Ohio University in Psychology and an



Lois Cole



Eddie Brown

MA degree in Clinical Psychology from Marshall University. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from both institutions. Lambert has worked as a case manager in community mental health and taught at Marshall University His professional interests include multi-cultural issues, domestic violence and childhood clinical disorders. Lambert enjoys music, gardening, outdoor activities and tennis.

Bob Hekel – music instructor. Hekel comes to Somerset from College of the Desert in California. Hekel will be re-establishing the SCC vocal program. Hekel holds BA and MA degrees from San Diego State University. Hekel and his wife, Debbie, have two children: Bobby, 7, and Missy, 4. Hekel is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Guy Taylor – adult agricultural education instructor at the SCC Laurel Campus South. Taylor is married to the former

Vicki Norfleet. They have two children Sarah Elizabeth, 14, and Nathaniel Ray, 17. Both are students at Southwestern High School in Pulaski County. Taylor is the son of Nancy Taylor and the late Harold Taylor. He graduated from Nancy High School. Taylor got his associates' degree from SCC and he holds a BS degree in Agriculture Education from UK. Taylor previously worked for Burkmann Feed and Southern States. He farms and was a Vo-Ag. Teacher at Scott County High School. He is a member of the Pulaski County Farm Bureau and the PC Cattleman's Association. The family attends Sardis Methodist Church.

Lois Cole – clinical practical nursing instructor and nurse aide instructor. Cole is a graduate of the Somerset Community College registered nursing program. She is currently working toward her bachelor's degree in nursing. Cole worked at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in the Neo-Natal unit before joining the SCC faculty. She and her husband, Bobbie, who is a minister, have six children: Lynette, Valerie, Christina, Sara, Joshua, and Bradley. They also have three grandchildren. The Coles attend Eagle Heights Church.

Eddie Brown – HVAC instructor. Brown lives in Manchester with his wife, Carol, and their two children: Jonathan Edward, 15, and Bethany Kate, 5. The Browns just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

SCC awarded \$1.2 million Department of Education grant

Under Strengthening Institutions Program

Senator Jim Bunning and Congressman Hal Rogers announced on Aug. 27, 2003, that Somerset Community College had been awarded a five-year grant totaling \$1,919,466 from the Department of Education under the Strengthening Institutions Program. SCC will receive \$304,090 for the first year of the program beginning on Oct. 1.

"This is some very good news," said Jo Marshall, Ph.D., president of Somerset Community College. "This funding will allow us to establish a Student Success Center on both our campuses and to eventually extend the services to our centers. I want to congratulate Stewart Phillips for successfully writing this proposal. Our Student Success Centers will serve all disciplines and all programs of our college, and the grant will allow us to staff and equip them."

According to the grant parameters, SCC will be able to place up to 20 percent of the \$1.2 million into an endowment account to sustain the work begun by the grant money after the grant is ended. The only stipulation is that the College must match the federal contribution to the endowment with matching private gifts.

"Twenty percent of \$1.2 million is \$238,893," said Ann Zwick, the Director of Institutional Advancement at SCC. "We believe that community support will enable us to match that amount. If we are correct, then our endowment funds will increase by nearly \$500,000 and that's very significant."

The endowment will be used to increase the long-term capacity of our institution to provide scholarships to students and professional development for faculty and staff.

Title III funding will enable the college to develop a Student Success Center where faculty leaders from throughout the college will join with staff of the center to provide supplemental academic guidance, computer-assisted supplemental learning and peer or professional volunteer tutoring. This new student support system is expected to result in better learning, higher grades and improved graduation rates.

The Success Center will include new tutorial, career counseling, advising and student achievement procedures and activities, and will have state-of-the-art instructional computers and computer software to provide students with

access to computer learning services. Involved faculty and staff will participate in professional training and will make the system functional at all campus sites.



Bruce Gover

Gover earns MS

Bruce Gover, assistant professor of computer technology at Somerset Community College, received his Master degree from Eastern on Saturday, Sept. 13. He graduated on August 1, 2003 with a Masters of Science in Industrial Education - Occupational Training and Development from EKV. He also completed required graduate coursework in his field (computer information systems) at Morehead State University and the University of Kentucky.

SCC biologist finding new pollutants in area waters

Loris Sherman has discovered a byproduct chemical polluting an area of the watershed system of which Pulaski's waterways are a part. "What we're finding is a human metabolite of hormone replacement therapy," said Sherman, a Somerset Community College biologist and coordinator for the Upper Cumberland Wa-

tershed Watch program.

A metabolite is a product of human metabolism. The chemical in question is "estrodinol 17b." It was detected consistently over multiple water testings in an area of Cumberland County. Both Cumberland County waterways and Pulaski County waterways are part of a system of creeks,

streams and other types of water bodies which make up the Upper Cumberland River Basin. Estrodinol 17b can be released into the environment through human waste, said Sherman.

One of the most persistent problems being addressed by Watershed Watch, PRIDE and other state and federally-funded programs is the draining of human waste into waterways via "straight pipes." Often, raw sewage is dumped directly from homes into creeks and streams through these pipes. Many households which practice this illegal activity have no septic systems and some cannot afford them. PRIDE attempts to help people address these problems and has helped poorer residents with funding for septic systems. Sherman said no evidence has yet been found of estrodinol contaminating Pulaski creeks. Several points in Pulaski have been tested and all have so far come up negative. She said testing will continue in Pulaski and the rest of the Upper Cumberland. Sherman said there is currently no evidence that estrodinol and other "hormone mimics" cause any environmental or health problems.

Alyce Grover receives "Devoted Service" Award



Alyce Grover

Alyce Grover, Professor of Communications at Somerset Community College, received the 2003 Longstanding and Devoted Service to the Profession Award on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Kentucky Communications Association Annual Convention at Barron River State Resort Park.

A past president and vice-president of the organization, Grover's long-term work as chairperson of the KCA's Education Committee involved directing the group's work with the Kentucky Department of Education to include speaking, listening, observing, inquiry and technology as communication in the KERA curriculum. The committee continues working on additional phases to develop assessment instruments, teacher education and the inclusion of Communication as a graduation requirement from high school in Kentucky.

Grover's additional work includes active membership on a five-state American Diploma Project Team studying the gaps between what high school students know upon graduation and what they need to know to be successful as college freshmen.

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Brown is a graduate of Clay County High School. He holds an Associate in Applied Science Degree.